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Attached are a discussion and Amended Claims in response to USPTO Office
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The inventor sincerely appreciates the through examination and feedback by the
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Title: Adaptive Workflow Route

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Claims 60-79 are pending and rejected.

Claims 60-61, 63 and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Han, Yanbo et al "A Taxonomy of Adaptive Workflow Management" (1998)

Claims 68-69, 71, 73-74, 77, and 79 are rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Caruso et al U.S. Patent 5,848,271

Claims 62, and 66-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han, Yanbo et al and further in view of Elkin et al U.S. Patent Publication 2001/0044738.

Claim 64 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han, Yanbo et al as applied to 60 above and further in view of Meijler et al.

Discussion

The inventor sincerely appreciates the through evaluation and assistance by the examiner. He also appreciates the examiner's patience and understanding.

The present invention provides an adaptive route step wherein a route step candidate is selected from a list and the route step candidate is **inserted into the route** to adapt the route. The route before the processing of the adaptive route step is different after the processing of the adaptive route step.

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